

**GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE**  
*Pioneer Update*  
**YOUR BIWEEKLY UPDATE ON GLENVILLE STATE COLLEGE**  
*A COMMUNICATION TO ALUMNI AND FRIENDS ABOUT EVENTS AND PEOPLE IN THE NEWS*

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## **Alumni Spotlight**

Mackenzie Smith '19 is currently serving as a Reading Interventionist at Burnsville Elementary School in Burnsville, West Virginia.

Smith graduated from GSC this past December with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in health and physical education and is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in special education from West Virginia University. While at GSC, she was a four-year member of the Lady Pioneer Softball Team, member of the education honor society Kappa Delta Pi, and served as a student



## **GSC Criminal Justice Professor to be featured on new TV Show**

In his previous career, Glenville State College Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice Dr. Ken Lang served as a homicide detective for the Baltimore County Police Department. Now, one of his previous cases is being featured on a new series that is set to air on the Investigation Discovery channel.

In the early morning hours of Christmas Eve in 2005, Lang was dispatched to a gruesome discovery – a burned body on the side of I-83 in Baltimore County, Maryland. He recalls finding a “dump scene” where the victim of a shooting had been dumped and burned in an effort to destroy evidence.

The investigation took Lang, who was the lead detective on the case, to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania where he coordinated with local officials there. Together they identified two suspects and charged them in February 2006. The case went to trial two years later. During that trial, Juniper Entertainment learned of the case and later featured it in the “Dollars and Sense” episode of *Forensic Files*, mainly due to the fact that it involved every genre of forensic evidence known at the time.

assistant coach for the softball team.

Since becoming an alumna of GSC, Mackenzie has followed in the footsteps of her parents - Fred '81 and Paula Smith - becoming a dedicated supporter of GSC. Last week, the Smith family traveled to Teays Valley, West Virginia for an alumni event where Mackenzie was the guest speaker.

Outside of work and school, she serves as a coach for the Gilmer County Middle School Softball Team, is an avid lover of golf, and enjoys spending time with her friends and family.

We are pleased to feature Mackenzie in this week's Alumni Spotlight and proud to call her an alumna of Glenville State College.

Fast forward to 2017 when Juniper Entertainment was in the market to produce a new show, *Murder Decoded*. This show focuses on cases that involve forensic evidence used to solve the crimes.

The episode of *Murder Decoded* that features Lang is titled "Revenge with a Bullet" and will premiere on Saturday, April 27 at 10/9c on Investigation Discovery.



## Championship Track & Field Team Recognized

On Friday, April 6 members of the 1984 WVIAC Men's Track and Field Championship Team returned to the D. Banks Wilburn Track at Morris Stadium. This championship team was recognized during the Annual Brandi Bowen Invitational Track Meet. Those in attendance were: (l-r) Coach Jerry Milliken, Shawn Shockey '89, Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame member Larry Taylor '84, Lloyd Willis '87, and GSC Athletic Director Jesse Skiles '88.

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## Alumni Weekend April 26-27

[Click here](#) for a complete schedule of weekend events.

Tickets are still available for the Annual Alumni Banquet, [click here](#) to purchase yours.



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## **Annual Student Accounting Conference Returns to GSC**

On Tuesday, April 16, the West Virginia Student Accounting Conference returned to the campus of Glenville State College following a successful revival last year after an almost 20-year hiatus. This was an event that GSC Associate Professor of Business Cheryl McKinney initiated, organized, and hosted for ten years in the 1990s ultimately welcoming more than 150 accounting students from across the Mountain State to our campus each year to help them "bridge the gap" between college and the professional accountancy world.

[Click here](#) to watch Professor McKinney's interview with WBOY Channel 12 News.

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Back row (l-r) Mitch Nagamune, Kenji Mootka, and Hitoshi Matsuyama  
Front row (l-r) Kiyomi Tatsuno, Miho Hada, and Rie Tsushima

## ***Did you know?***

Several former Glenville State College students held their first alumni dinner in Tokyo, Japan last week.



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We want to know what is happening with our GSC alumni and their families.

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## Kanawha Valley Alumni Event

Several Glenville State College alumni and friends in the Kanawha Valley area spent the afternoon together on Saturday, April 13 at the FireSide Grille in Teays Valley.

Special thanks to Dr. H. Gary Gillespie '59, Paul Ayers '75, Holly (Sturm) Hess '75, and Janet (James) Bailey '79 for organizing this event and to Mackenzie Smith '19 for sharing her perspective with the group as a recent graduate.



Friday, April 26 & Saturday, April 27 [Alumni Weekend](#)

Friday, April 26 7PM Choir Concert

Thursday, May 2 7:00 PM [Blue and White Spring Game](#)

Friday, May 3 6:00 PM [6th Annual Pioneer Derby](#)

Friday, May 3 7:00 PM Concert Band Concert

Tuesday, May 7 7:00 PM Jazz Band Concert

Friday, May 17 & Saturday, May 18 50 Year Graduate Celebration

Friday, May 17 8:00 AM Whitey Adolfson Memorial Golf Tournament

Saturday, May 18 10:00 AM [145th Commencement Ceremony](#)



## THE GIVING CORNER

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Carl F. Shaw – \$19,814 for Helen Shaw Memorial Scholarship

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Eli Lilly Foundation – \$1,000 for the Dr. Paul G. Caltrider Science & Math Scholarship

The Estate of Howard Burke – \$774 for the Howard Burk Scholarship

Douglas J. Beymer '71 – \$600 for the Hidden Promise Program

Lyle T. Coffman – \$500 for PAC Men's Golf

Robert "Bob" '66 and Sue (Eddy) '66 Marshall – \$500 for the Annual Fund



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